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REF: A. USNATO 5453

B. USNATO 2366

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE QUOTES MESSAGES IDENTIFIED IN
REFERENCE A. AS BEING PROVIDED SEPTEL. REFERENCE A. REPORTED
ON THE NOVEMBER 8 MEETING OF THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT
STEERING COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

1. COVER LETTER FROM NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO USNATO PROVIDING
COPY OF LETTER FROM FRG DELEGATION STATING FRG OBJECTIONS TO
LETTER WHICH CHAIRMAN, NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING
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COMMITTEE (NMPASC) PROPOSES TO SEND TO CANDIAN MINISTER OF
DEFENSE (MOD). QUOTE

NETHERLANDS PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

BRUSSELS 6 NOVEMBER 1973

DEAR GENE,

WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER NO. 7238 OF 16TH OCTOBER, 1973,
I LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE WRITTEN COMMENTS
FROM THE GERMAN DELEGATION, ABOUT WHICH YOUR DELEGATION WAS ALREADY
INFORMED ORALLY BY MR. VAN WENSEN OF MY DELEGATION. I AM ATTACHING
A COPY OF THIS GERMAN LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

I HAVE ALSO SENT A COPY TO THE NETHERLANDS PRESIDENT OF THE
ATLANTIC STEERING COMMITTEE AND HAVE INVITED HIM TO SEEK APPROPRIATE
NEW GUIDANCE FROM HIS COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON THE 8TH NOVEM-
BER, 1973, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE
GERMAN LETTER.

DEPENDING ON THE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE
I SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER FURTHER STEPS BY US WILL BE NECESSARY
AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.

P. BUWALDA
ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

THE HONORABLE E.V. MCAULIFFE,
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
NORTHATLANTIC COUNCIL

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2. FRG DELEGATION LETTER TO NETHERLANDS DELEGATION STATING FRG
OBJECTIONS TO, LETTER WHICH CHAIRMAN, NMPASC PROPOSES TO SEND
TO CANADIAN MOD.

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GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
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BRUSSELS 5 NOVEMBER 1973

DEAR PETER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 17 OCTOBER 1973 TOGETHER WITH
THE DRAFT OF A LETTER TO THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE
CONCERNING THE MK 2 AIRCRAFT.

TO MY REGRET IT IS ONLY TODAY THAT I AM ABLE TO INFORM YOU
THAT MY AUTHORITIES ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO THE LETTER.
THE MAIN REASONS FOR THIS ATTITUDE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE FEAR THAT THE OTHER MEMBER NATIONS MIGHT CONCLUDE FROM

SUCH AN ENQUIRY THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AGREES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT OF THE MK 2 TYPE ALONG THE LINES OF THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS DESIRED BY CANADA. IS SHOULD BE POINTED OUT IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE HAS UP TO NOW NOT RECEIVED ANY MANDATE FROM THE GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN AIRCRAFT TYPE. MOREOVER, LIKE THE NETHERLANDS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS NEVER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE MK 2 AIRCRAFT PROJECT, SO THAT THE FUNDS HOPED FOR BY FRANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGETARY PLANNING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE MAIN INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT LIES WITH FRANCE, I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD ADDRESS THE ENQUIRY DIRECTLY TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

YOURS SINCERELY,

(WALTER BOSS)

MINISTER AND DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

MR. P. BUWALDA
MINISTER AND DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

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3. THE LETTER WHICH THE FRG IS TAKING EXCEPTION TO IS QUOTED
IN PARAGRAPH 2. OF REFERENCE B. RUMSFELD

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